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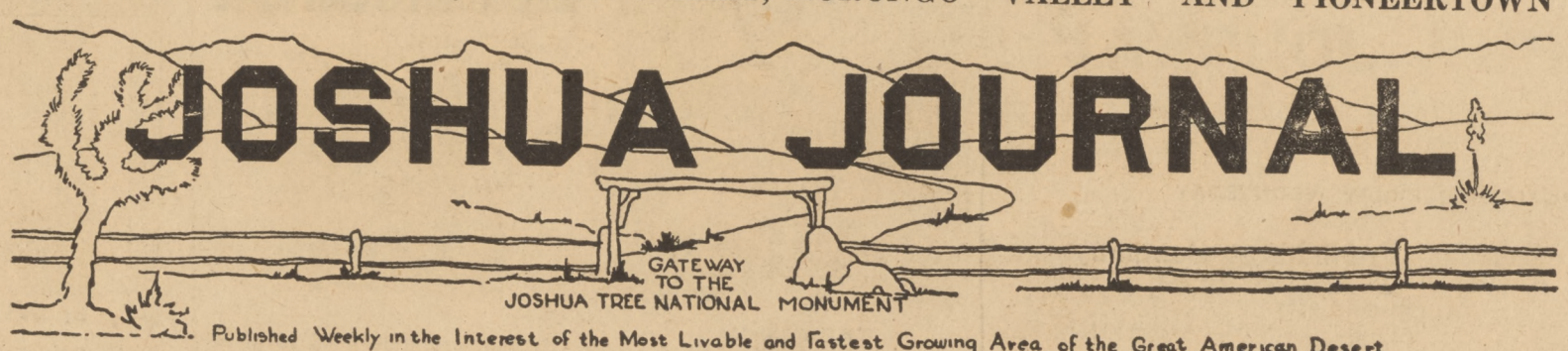

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"1950 . . . Let's Go!"

Joshua Tree

As President-elect of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, working in cooperation with the other civic organizations, I anticipate a great interest in the furtherance of our welfare and betterment. Along these lines would be the housing for ambulance and fire truck, a bigger and better Turtle Day, a children's playground, capitalization of our beneficial climate, etc.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

JACK CRANE

Sunfair

We will have a much better stock this coming year, better marketing set-up. There will be a processing plant; much of the equipment has already been purchased. Use of plant will be available to local growers. The finished product will be processed and wrapped in a film bag, with individual carton with its own brand. We paln to start our own special bred stock also. In general, everything looks for a good year.

—BOB KROES

Yucca Valley

Our important projects for 1950 should be the proposed highway from 29 Palms to Parker Dam. An immense, attractive bill-board at the junction of 29 Palms H'wy and H'wy 99, directing the thousands of tourists to the New Wonderland from Morongo Valley to Twentynine Palms and the Joshua Tree National Park. Open the road from Yucca Valley to Big Bear Lake. And beautify our homes and buildings with attractive desert colors.

— FRED STORY

Morongo Valley

Morongo Valley is looking forward to the New Year with zest. With a progressive Chamber of Commerce, with new fire fighting equipment and truck and with the cultural activity of the community centered about the Little Theatre of Morongo Valley and with a well functioning Woman's Club, the outlook is for a progressive and prosperous 1950. All are cooperating to make this Morongo Valley's biggest year. — Pat O'Neil.

Pioneertown

With the formation of the new Stockholder's club, plans for the turkey farms and a full schedule of "Cisco" films on the agenda, Pioneertown really expects to have a prosperous year in 1950. Past its "growing pains" stage, and with a recently reorganized board of directors, Pioneertown is destined to become one of the deserts leading communities, and one of its ravorite playgrounds.

Sportsman's Club Delivers Spring Horses

Claude Irwin and Monty Norris delivered fourteen spring horses the day before Christmas and the surprise shown by the parents and the thrill of giving a gift to the youngsters of Joshua Tree was well worth the effort and extra time spent by the committee of Sportsmen in their first venture of spreading good will and Yuletide cheer among the younger generation of our village.

The Club compiled a list of youngsters of five years of age and under who could use one of these playthings and we hope we have not overlooked a single youngster. The committee have one or two extra horses, just in case someone might have been o-

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Taylor Electrifies Audience

JOSHUA TREE — If the present enthusiam for electrification of the rural areas not now serviced, due to prohibitive costs, continues throughout the valley it may serve to bring about establishment of a Rural Electrification Association program.

In a special meeting at the sportsman's Hall in Jsohua Tree last Thursday evening, Mr. Taylor of Twentynine Palms addressed a group of nearly a hundred persons interested in establishment of the REA, Mr. Taylor, who incidently is a very fluent speaker, has had experience with the REA before, having lived in areas where it was successfully used.

Mr. John L. Duncan, local realtor, in introducng Mr. Taylor, remarked that, "Human nature is the same most everywhere. If people can get more for their money, then that's what they want." The REA will fulfill that demand, said Mr. Taylor. Under REA electricity will cost about four cents a kilo-watt.

A survey is being made from

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Half a Century of Progress

MARTEL FERRIS

Fifty years ago we began a new century. It was the start of a new era in human achievement, the greatest expansion in industry, medicine, power and education that has had no equal in a total of any other five centuries. Atomic power, advanced surgery, electronic development that will reveal the basic structure of all matter, television, transportation and many other advances too numerous to mention that have made this a colossal half century of progress.

As our grand-parents pioneered the settlement of this country with a courageous belief in the future, so have we pioneered the cultural advance in this generation. Nothing is too imaginative to experiment with, rockets to the moon or thought transmission (acceptable to scientific patterns) are even now going into the blueprint stage.

Here in the Joshua Desert we have gone through a few short years of progress. We have built communities out of sage brush into health centers that have no equal. Our progress doesn't rate comparison with our scientific achievements, nor the sweat or hardships of our ancestors. But this has been a development worthy of commendation. With no supporting industries, no railroads, no sources of basic materials, nor surface water for raising our own sustinence, and no source of income other than meagre pensions, we have built a substantial community that has a structure for permanence.

Now while the rest of the world begins the last half of a great century of advancement, we here in Joshua Desert in reality have just turned the leaf of a new one. The pioneering is over, begins now our cultural expansion. We have one great asset to exploit — HEALTH. Let's develop it. The lackadasical attitude of some of our service clubs and chambers of commerce should change to one of positive action. It's time we quit our wishful thinking and left the covered wagon days. Through highways, hoped for air bases, oil and mineral discoveries to the contrary; health is our greatest asset and always will be. Let's promote it! Get going for nineteenhundred and fifty. THIS IS THE YEAR!

Ambulance Ass'n News

JOSHUA TREE — Your Ambulance Association is very proud indeed to report on its accomplishments during the past year as follows:

A new ambulance, costing $1400 was purchased in the middle of June — this has already been paid for in full!

We have paid almost $400.00 in insurance premiums.

Throughout the valley approximately 130 new members have joined the Association.

We have definite proof of actually having been instrumental in saving the lives of six individuals during the past year, in addition to other emergency runs made.

Arrangements are being made to purchase more and better supplies in addition to an oxygen mask and tank equipment.

Last but not least, due to our sound financial condition as this year ends, it was possible to cancel all outstanding pledges (they still had a whole year to run) signed at the time the new ambulance was purchased.

We, the Officers and Board of Directors, want to express our deepest and sincerest thanks to all the citizens in Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Sun Valley, and Yucca Valley, who have so loyally and generously supported our efforts. We wish to assure all present members, and

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No Truck with Fire-Bugs

YUCCA VALLEY — Someone is either conspiring to collect fire insurance, or else they are inflicted with pyromania, for recent sabotage to the Yucca Valley Fire District fire truck indicates such. Clay Tungstall, local fire chief, and "keeper of the wagon" reports that vandals have ripped all the wiring from the instruments and drained gas from the tank. Apparently some

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Desert Masonic Club

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The regular meeting of the Desert Masonic Club was held at the Josh Barn in Twentynine Palms Friday, Dec. 23. Election of officers was held, and the following were eected: President, Harvey Mixon, Twentynine Palms; Vice President, Sam Lafferty, Joshua Tree; Head Coach, Ray Moore, Joshua Tree.

Rural Electrification Meet at Yucca Valley

YUCCA VALLEY — Mr. Taylor, of Twentynine Palms, who addressed a Rural Electrification meeting in Joshua Tree last Thursday will talk to residents of Yucca Valley and Pioneertown at the request of the latter, Thursday, Dec. 29th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Service Club Hall.

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Pioneertown News

The holiday spirit really hit Pioneertown this past week in real Xmas style. Residents have been wondering for over a week who the "Old Man" with the generous heart was. The answer came at his Xmas party given at the Golden Stallion. None other than Bill Naylor. Fifty guests were at the party. Good Chinese dinners and "Rimrock Specials" were served to each guest. . . . . "Tommy" Thompson is back at the Pioneer Bowl. May put a ceiling in the Bowl soon. . . . . Cecil Riding has opened shop in the rear of the Silver Dollar in Yucca Valley. Line up you long-haired characters, the barber's back. Besides Papa has to support that husky new baby boy. . . . . Ralph and Mrs. Dawson spent the past week in Pioneertown . . . . Don't forget the party at the Golden Stallion New Year's Eve. . . . . Kurt Bush ran into some very solid rock on the well.

Gold Rush, 1949

LOS ANGELES —

Pleasure tourists brought a golden flow of $37,462,141 into Southern California from other states during November, traditionally an in-between-season tourist month, President Willard W. Keith of the All-Year Club reported today.

Keith said this money was spent in the Southland by 178,984 visitors who came here during the month mostly from Eastern and Middlewestern states, according to preliminary estimates by the community travel organization.

"They spent their money on the retail level," he explained, "in food markets, cafes, hotels and other types of accommodations, department stores, every kind of motoring supply business, theaters, sports, laundries, etc. This inflow of nearly forty million dollars was spread very widely over every city in our area."

Golden Stallion and Pink Elephants

PIONEERTOWN — We aren't so sure about the pink elephants, but for certain fun lovers will see more than one golden stallion at the Golden Stlalion's New Year's Eve party in Pioneertown, according to Frank Gee, Chinese cowboy and co-owner of the Goden Stallion restaurant.

A door prize of a beautiful golden stallion is one of the attractions at the free and free-for-all party planned this week-end. There will be an imported five-piece orchestra and other entertainment. Regular dinner service begins at any hour in the afternoon up until dance time. Reservations for dinner are suggested.

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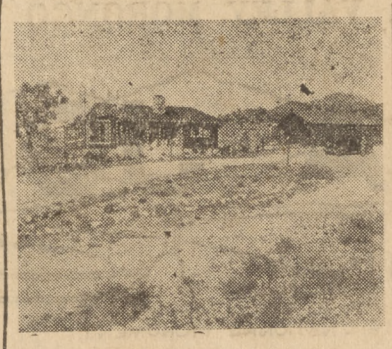

THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

THE YEAR 1950 WILL HAVE 365 NEW DAYS

The idea of living by the Golden Rule through one whole year taxes both my faith and my imagination, but I can cheerfully accept that challenge when it is for JUST ONE DAY!

Should today be cloudy and the sky overcast, my inner feelings of warmth and sunshine can carry me through. And should the wind lash the rain against my cabin-windows, I know that soon I shall look out of these same windows and bless the beautiful flowers!

If today no one comes near my cabin and the home seems empty and still, I talk with the Great Spirit Father asking guidance to do His good will. Then I busy myself with the many tasks that accumulate from day to day, and before I have time to be lonely — the hours have slipped away!

If today the world news sounds disheartening and the nation's efforts seem vain, can I not hold fast to my faith longer — just a little longer for one day? The big problems may not try me or upset me today, but oh, these countless, cunning little things that surreptiously come my way! They come without fanfare and come without noise....—these heartless robbers of my peace and poise!

Then for today I must train my thoughts; for thoughts are living things; with lagging feet they come trailing back, or sailing on golden wings! For today I know my storehouse has a sufficient supply of love thoughts on hand to share where ever my thoughts may lead me—far out from my desert land!

Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE

By the time this goes to press, Christmas will be over and New Years will soon be with us and then we will be looking for things to do in our yards and gardens. But whatever you do, don't start to move your trees and shrubs until they are entirely dormant.

To show you what may happen: A plum tree had to be moved when it just started to lose its leaves as it was in the way when I was building so it had a change of environment at the wrong time. It looked very sad and droopy and I thought it was going to die but wonder of wonder, it started to bloom and really went to town. Now it will be interesting to see what it does next spring. In the east the trees sometime start to bloom if warm weather comes early and then when a freeze comes, the trees go dormant again, but often in the spring they bloom a second time and sometimes bear a full crop of fruit.

The many lighted trees this year were so lovely, the towns all thru this area did a fine thing when they all cooperated in making Christmas tree lanes.

A neighbor of mine had one of the prettiest little growing trees. He took three years to get it to the right size to decorate. It is an Arizona Cedar and has grown slowly, but it is perfect in shape. Now he will have his growing tree for Christmas every year.

Because I have had a little bout with a cold, I didn't get my tree planted yet. I want a deodar, but don't know yet whether the deodar will grow well her or not. However, I am going to try it. I am also planting a Pinion Pine, those do very well in this area.

Now that your Greenhorn Gardener has a place of her own, she will no doubt make many mistakes in planting, but it will be fun, and a year from now she has hopes of having her place well landscaped.

HEALTH and HAPPINESS Is Yours in MORONGO VALLEY

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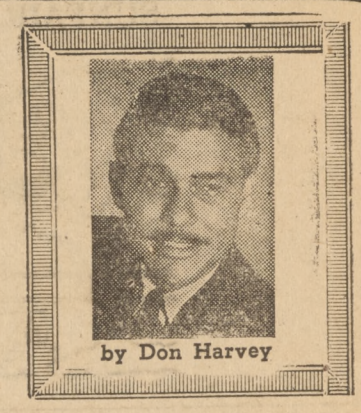

by Don Harvey

Harvey in Hollywood

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL:

GENE AUTRY plans to be just a little busy in 1950. He leaves early in January on a string of 61 one-night stands, which he figures will get him a million dollars. Then he rushes back to Columbia to make six pictures before reporting to Madison Square Garden for the big rodeo in September. Outside of that Gene plans to stay home and count his profits from the radio stations and newspapers that he owns. That poor cowboy leads a real tough life . . . he hardly knows where his next million is coming from.

SANDY SANDERS, Pacoima's Honorary Sheriff and a well known figure in western pics, will accompany Gene on his tour.

JOHN WAYNE'S 1937 series of "Three Mesquiteers" hoss-opreys are being re-released by Republic to cash in on John's current box office draw. His leading lady in these oldies is a girl then called Phyllis Isley. You'll recognize her as JENNIFER JONES! Time changes everything. Does anyone remember that RITA HAYWORTH was the gal in several of John's early epics? And for our money . . . we liked her better then.

U-I is releasing the story of a mule, "Francis", and they are about to make the story of a rabbit, "Harvey," and are interested in a yarn about a chimpanzee! JIMMY DURANTE just completed a pic about a squirrel. What ever happened to those pictures with PEOPLE in them?

TEX RITTER, Van Nuy's own Cowboy Star, is back home for Christmas. Tex just completed a very successful tour of the country. Hey, Tex, how's about making some more pictures . . . the ones we see on TV still look good.

Radio station KWIK of Burbank has lost its FCC license and may have to leave the air January 8th. (Personal Publicity Note: This will not offect our HARVEY HOUSE broadcast. We make our last broadcast on KWIK Dec. 31st, and if plans work our HARVEY HOUSE will be on KGIL every Sunday p.m. after that.)

SPADE COOLEY had a narrow squeak when a heart attack laid him low during the filming of his recent independent pic. He's in the hospital now with strict orders from doctors to take it easy. Good luck, Spade, and a speedy recovery.

We'd like to take this last paragraph to say a sincere Happy New Year to the editors and personnel of the papers who carry our column, and to you wonderful folks who read the words we write about folks you see . . . . IN THE MOVIES!

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Joshua Tree Notes

Lois Clarke and Helen Jackson of Hollywood and Bakersfield are in town. Both are well known, having many friends in Joshua Tree. They intend to spend the holidays here and look over their holdings. They have rented one of the Gerhardt cottages. . . . Don Combs with his friend Bill Bristol spent a few days with Don's parents, B. B. Wilds, both boys are in the Navy and stationed at San Diego . . . . Guests at the Smith Guest Lodge were W. G. Wilkerson, San Francisco; Florence Rose and party; E. J. Swerdlow, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abernathy, Banning; Ramond Curtis, Banning. . . . Rashelle Doree and four of her friends from N. Y. were visitors at Smith's Guest Lodge over the holidays . . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Summers spent the week-end with their parents, the Forest Summers of Sunfair . . . . Other visitors to Joshua Tree were Mrs. Fields and Mr. Lea Felton of San Bernardino, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Miller of L. A. spent a few days at the Betty Buckly home. Also in Joshua Tree were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wescott of Long Beach. . . . Latest rumor on Section 13 Dept: What's this we hear about an Air Force Academy? "Buzz me, Ma, I'm a control tower." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longshaw and their two sons, Harrison and Jeffrey, were holiday guests at the Wm. Longshaws. Herb and Gladys Longshaw held open house for their friends . . . . Adele Fraser and Marjorie Hazleton of Springfield, Oregon, were guests of Mrs. J. D. Bacon over the weekend. The two ladies are real estate brokers in Oregon. Mrs. Fraser was quite impressed with the desert, thought we'uns was a bunch of back-landers livin' wuff nuttin' but rattle-snakes and coyotes. . . . Visitors at the Motels: DESERT AIR — John and Grace Beckwith and their two children visited their mother, brother Jim, and sister Joan for the holidays . . . . Le ORRA — Mr. and Mrs. Beall, property owners, from Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Wells, also of L.A.

Wireless from Bill Bunker says he would arrive in a Japanese port last Thursday. His ship was destined for a port in China, but government orders switched then to Japan. Bill expects to be back in the States sometime in February.

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P. T. A. News

JOSHUA TREE —

The annual Christmas praty for the children of Joshua Tree was held at the school on Friday, Dec. 16th, with the kiddies singing Christmas Carols and songs until time for arrival of Saint Nick. Santa arrived at the announced time of three thirty and after greeting each youngster and having their desires made known, had Mrs. Dee Jost and teacher, Mrs. Crawford, assist him in passing out Christma treats to all youngsters present. The children then exchanged gifts from a huge tree, after which Santa departed to make delivery of treats to some few who were unable to attend the party which was held in the afternoon this year, instead of evening as has been the policy in the past. We are sorry that several persons who look forward to this annual party had to be absent for that reason, but for reasons beyond our control, we couldn't do otherwise.

Mrs. Whitehorn Addresses Women's Club On History of Roses

JOSHUA TREE — Mrs. J. L. Whitehorn in her lecture to the Joshua Tree Women's Club last Wednesday retraced the development of roses to a large and interested audience. Mrs. Whitehorn gained her knowledge and interest in the beautiful flower from the time that her father was governor of the State of California. The gardner at the State mansion was an expert and authority on roses and Mrs. Whitehorn spent many hours in the mansion rose garden. She plans on developing a rose garden at the Whitehorn Estates, near Joshua Tree, as soon as the motel, soon to be started, is finished.

Following the program the ladies had a Christmas party and tree. The next meeting will not be until the middle of January.

Xmas Party in Morongo

The Morongo Woman's Social Club played Santa Claus with the assistance of many of the Morongoites to little Gary Welcher, age 4, who recently lost his eye when a 22 cap exploded when he hit it with a rock. Subscriptions were taken up by the club president, Mrs. Eric Johnson, Rosella Hess, Jessie Deland, and Mrs. Alice Kinsley, who presented the Welcher family with nearly a hundred dollars to apply on a new artificial eye. It will take six months more and many trips to the doctor before he gets his permanent eye. The expense has been several hundred dollars and anyone who wants to help them out may see Mrs. Johnson of Morongo. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Church Notes

JOSHUA TREE

COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Rev. D. C. Williams, Minister.
Sunday services, 11 a.m.
Community Chapel
Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service on Sunday at 7:15.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Sunday Service at 11 a.m.
Sunday School same hour
Community Hall

YUCCA VALLEY

YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School Services—10 A.M.
Church Services—11 A.M., 8 P.M.
Thursday evening — Prayer Meeting — 8 P.M.

TRINITY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Bannock St. at Pueblo
Rev. Lola M. Stout, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:45 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study 7:45 P.M.
Fri. Prayer Meeting 7:45 P.M.

CATHOLIC MASS
Sat. 9 a.m., Rev. O'Dowd

Our apologies to Dr. Williams for deleting his very fine essay on Christmas last week, but our last minute news didn't get in before the paper was locked up to run. Nearly all our copy had been taken down earlier in the day, and it filled all available space. . . . . Rev. Eddie Garver, the Desert Parson, wishes to thank the organizations and all those who sewed and prepared costumes for the Christmas party given last Wednesday night at the Church. A clever Christmas play by Ethel Cloyd was given by members of the church and community. . . . . About twenty-five of the young people were taken for a hay ride on Rev. Eddie's truck last Xmas Eve. The party visited and sang carols to about twenty homes where persons lived who were unable to attend any of the Xmas programs.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SUBJECT "GOD"

"Who is so great a God as our God?" This thought-provoking question from the Psalms is the Golden Text of the Sunday Bible Lesson on "God" in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

The power of God to heal is illustrated in a selection from Luke's Gospel where it is recorded that a man called out to Jesus saying, "I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; . . . And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, . . . Bring thy son hither . . . And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God."

Mary Baker Eddy writes in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures:" "To ignore God as of little use in sickness is a mistake. Instead of thrusting Him aside in times of bodily trouble, and waiting for the hour of strength in which to acknowledge Him. we should learn that He can do all things for us in sickness as in health."

Sportsman's Club Deliver Horses

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verlooked. Please don't hesitate to make it known, as it was not intentional. With some families being away for the holidays and newcomers to our village, it could easily happen. Just in case it did, please contact the club at once.

We want to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks and with a Happy New Year to residents of Joshua Tree, who realized the true Christmas spirit in a venture of this kind and offered assistance in whatever way they could. Mr. W. D. Robinson opened his workshop to the Sportsman Committee and worked extra hours, helping with cutting, assembling, and decorating. "Bud" Lisby did his share also. With that kind cooperation, it couldn't be anything but successful, which it was.

The same thanks and season's wish is expressed to Jesse and Fred of the Marble Electric Co. for their kind donation to our Boy Scout Troop. The ten dollar prize awarded for their window display was donated to the Troop Fund. That donation and money received from tickets sold on a turkey donated by Tom Frye of the Silver Dollar Rancho will be used to pay for the year's subscription to Boy's Life magazine for each scout of the Joshua Tree Troop.

Harold Jost, club member and Mr. R. E. Stacey of the Builders Supply Co. donated the use of their trucks for delivering the Christmas gifts. The same good wish and thanks to you, also. Claude Irwin, Hubert Aldridge, Jim Shearn, and Monty Norris comprised the committee in charge of making and delivering the spring horse gifts.

Happy New Year to Everyone.

Taylor Electrifies Audience

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Dale Lake to Morongo Valley to determine how many persons now serviced would care to join the association. There are more than a hundred signers in the Twenty-nine Palms area, according to Mr. Taylor. "It is not the policy of the REA to set up in competion with public owned utility companies, but to service where they are unable to," he said.

Mr. Taylor is helping to organize each community and out-lying prospects for REA service. Mr. Harry Wheeler agreed to be chairman of the local committee for the survey near Joshua Tree.

A lively debate was injected into the meeting for a few minutes by one citizen when he remarked that public utilities pay forty-five percent of the taxes of the state of California, and that we should give them support instead of some government sponsored program. The answer to that comment was very spontaneous.

An REA meeting will be held this week in Yucca on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Club hall.

CRANES GET ALASKA CALL

JOSHUA TREE — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crane were thrilled Xmas Eve to receive a telephone call from their son, Bob, who is a Staff Sergeant with the 5001st Communications Squadron of the Army stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska. His voice came through very well and he said they were all looking forward to Bob Hope's scheduled visit for 1:30 Xmas afternoon. He said the high temperature in the afternoons there is 14 degrees below zero.

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Yucca Valley Notes

T. Humphreyville's ole buddy, buddy from the Turkey Shoot is naught but a spirit anymore. The carrousing broad-breasted bronze that excaped the ax last Thanksgiving by staggering in too late finally met a sad but noble end. Vi gave him a short one in the neck for Xmas dinner. Tom is mourning the loss of a stalwart drinking partner . . . .

The boys did a fine job on the electric cross above the village, but someone is certainly lacking in Xmas spirit. Anyone who has to steal a few forty watt light bulbs from the Xmas cross must really be hard up. It will take more than forty watts to light up that kind of a dark soul.

Too bad we can't change the weather to suit everyone, but some of us like a little snow accassionally even if it melts by morning. . . . Speaking of weather and we were) have you ever seen it nicer than just around Christmas? Even saw new grass shooting up.

Visitors at the Motels: COLORADO COURTS — Mr. and Mrs. Temple and family of L.A., Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and friends of La Mesa, Mr. Steayer of South Gate, and family . . . DESERT SKY MOTEL — Mr. and Mrs. Heining of Pasadena, Mr. E. W. Johnston of Glendale, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fortman of San Bernardino . . . . YUCCA REST COURT — Mrs. Ruth Boice of L.A., Mr. and Mrs. Rossi of Balboa, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil of Long Beach.

Bonnie Harris (La Ferney) flew to New York last week via T.W.A. to meet Roger Clark who has just returned to New York after spending e[illegible]een months in Arabia. It is rumored that Roger and Bonnie will return to California in January for wedding bells. . . . . Judy Shannon (LaFerney) is in White Memorial Hospital in L.A. recovering from an operation and is reported doing fine. . . . Norma Bunker and daughter Lynn motored out from L.A. and spent Christmas with Norma's parents, the La Ferneys.

Good Response to Xmas Festival

YUCCA VALLEY — Over one-hundred turkey and ham dinners were served by the ladies of the Yucca Valley Women's Club at their Christmas Festival. In addition nearly all the gifts, food and flowers were sold bringing in a gross income of one-hundred and twenty dollars to the Club. The Women's Club expressed their gratitude for the cooperation from the community to make their festival a success.

Much credit is due the committee members headed by Mrs. Ole Hanson. Mrs. La Vie and Jewett had charge of the plant booth, Mrs. Pifer and Peters sold Xmas ornaments and sandra cosmetics; Mrs. Lindsay and Woodall handled the handi-work and foods. Mrs. Goodwin sold chances on the doll and Madam Rose told fortunes. On the serving committee were Mrs. Lewis Betty Denton, Francis Hopman, Mrs. Meyers, and Mrs. Pietchman. Mrs. Webster was cashier.

The Women's Club president, Mrs. Ben Pietchman said that this was by far the most successful bazaar given by the club. Their plans for the coming year are to expand their program subjects. One of their projects will be planting of trees along the business district.

All He Wants for Xmas Is His Good Left Eye

MORONGO VALLEY — Who says there ain't no Santa Claus? Little Garry Welcher, son of Orville and Mrs. Welcher of Morongo Valley, who lost the sight and socket of his left eye in an acident several weeks ago is going to get a new eye for Xmas. The garage business is a tough racket these days and the Welchers were wondering how they would be able to fix things so Garry would not have to be wearing a disfiguering patch. About this time Santa Claus came up with the answer in the form of the Women's Club of Morongo Valley who contributed seventy dollars to the cause. Needless to say the Welchers are extremely grateful.

A Little Late, But What's One Billion Light Years to Us?

YUCCA VALLEY — But for the volume of holiday ads in our paper last week this story would have been printed. However, it is still good copy, and time will have little effect on it since some of our copy was a billion light years getting here.

Jim Ferraso was just another name to us before Thursday, Dec. the 14th., but on that evening he left a never to be forgotten impression on the audience at the Yucca Valley Community Hall where he gave a lecture and pictures on Palomar, the newest and largest reflecting mirrior in the world. The Paloma mirror sits atop Mt. Palomar, east of San Diego, where it was taken last year to begin a series of photographs of the universe. Jim Ferraso was one of the major engineers responsible for this great scientific achievement.

For an hour we were treated to a series of breath taking shots of our gigantic universe and a color film movie of the step by step creation of this marvelous instrument. It was a sixteen year project eleven of which were used to grind and polish the hugh reflector. Mr. Ferraso has been with the project since its inception and naturally was more than qualified to lecture on the subject.

It was facinating to watch the huge five-hundred ton instrument being rapidly swirled through its gyrations with but a one-twelfth horse power electric motor. The largest bearing in the world holds the hugh mirror cradle. We saw stars that were a billion light years away, born so long ago, but new to us, as their light is just reaching us after a billion years. Know how far a billion light years is? Multiply one-hundred and eighty-six thousand by every second in a minute, by every minute in an hour, every hour in a day, every day in a year and then multiply that by one billion and you have it. But that isn't far. We were told that there are known stars three-hundred billion light years away (Buck Rogers would never get you there in time to meet your septillionth descendent).

Mr. Ferraso informed us that the Palomar Association is a charity group which receives all its funds from private donations. They receive problems and requests from all over the world which they give priority rating. At present atomic matter under pressure and temperature is receiving their attention. With the big two-hundred inch lens they can photograph and determine the density and temperature of stars. We can't possibly equal the pressures and temperatures in our labratories that are found in outer space, so the big eye-ball is really an inexpensive atomic laboratory, even though it cost many millions of dollars.

Some day soon, perhaps the palomar mirror will be able to reveal whether or not there is life on Mars, or if the moon is made of green cheese. In the mean-time more important questions that effect our daily living are being answered by the big mirror that Mr. Ferraso has devoted his exceptional talents to. The Community Club wishes this article to express its appreciation to Mr. Ferraso and the Livingstones for their efforts in securing their friend to bring such an interesting subject to our valley.

Little Theatre Plans Party

MORONGO VALLEY — At a meeting of the Executive Board of The Little Theatre of Morongo Valley Friday night, Dec. 23, plans were completed for the New Year's Eve Party with dancing, entertainment and prizes to be held in the Desert Room of Morongo Lodge Saturday night, Dec. 31, between the hours of 9 and 1.

Director Carter also announced that casting is now being done for the first play, The Late Christopher Bean, and will be completed after the public try-outs which will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings, January 2 and 3.

Following the meeting the group was entertained at a Christmas party given by Mrs. Vera Martin. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Millingtin, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Arnold and daughter, Leah, Mr. Pat O'Neil, Mrs. Ruth Hale, Mr. Gene Cubit, Director Carter,

Butler and Larson Attend Realty Board Installation

YUCCA VALLEY — W. E. Butler and Mrs. Larson of Yucca Valley were in Pasadena and Long Beach on business several days last week and attended the installation and dinner for the 1950 officers of the Pasadena, San Marino, and South Pasadena Realty boards. The realtors report good business there. Mr. Butler is a member of the Pasadena Board, State and National Association and at present is located in Yucca Valley.

No Truck with Fire-Bugs

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one wanted to make sure that Fir[illegible] Company Number One would ge[illegible] there late enough to toast marshmellows, in case of fire.

This is the second time in recent weeks that private and public property has wantonly been damaged. Aron English, homesteader, had his drilling tools and bailer dropped into his newly drilled well, north of Yucca.

The Yucca Valley fire truck was recently purchased by the County and assigned to Yucca Valley Fire District. The district includes all points within two miles of the village Tract office, and all property owners within this area support the fire fighting equiptment with sev[illegible]enty-five cents per hundred in[illegible] taxes. The truck is subject to ca[illegible] anywhere in the valley, however, in case of a disaster that would destroy or affect the safety of the valley.

The County has assigned approximately eighteen-hundred dollors a year for equiptment, repairs and maintenance of Yucca Valley Fire District. This appropriation was voted on in the recent election and will be supported by the new tax, until, or unless other measures are voted upon. In the meantime Yucca Valley will have a modern fire fighting force unless further sabotage to the equiptment prevents arrival at a fire. Chief Tungstall, however is taking immediate steps to protect the equiptment.

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The Farm and the Electrical Age

WASHINGTON, D.C. — According to a recent survey, about 5,000,000 farms will be receiving electric service by the end of this year. And the value of the immediate market for electrical appliances among these farm families is estimated at $750,000,000.

The average farm family, the survey also found, wants to spend about $150 on power equipment. More than forty different types of electrical machinery are desired immediately, with home food freezers, electric water systems, and electric ranges leading in demand, followed by water heaters and refrigerators.

What this means is that agriculture represents a huge and expanding market for labor-saving conveniences of many kinds — including both those used in the home and those which contribute to the operation of the farm as a business. Moreover, this potential market indicates the vast changes in rural living that rural electrification — pioneered and perfected by the private utility companies — has caused. The modern farm home can be as comfortable and as efficient as the modern urban home. By the touch of a button or the turn of a switch tasks can be accomplished—swiftly and cheaply—that once required back-breaking labor.

Within a relatively short time, almost every farm in this country that wants central station electric service will have it available. The utility industry started several years ago on the greatest, most costly, and most intense rural electrification program in history. Significantly, it has been paid for with private funds, has not been subsidized by the tax payers, and has created great new taxable assets for all forms of government. It is thus in direct contrast with all the schemes for socializing electric service at a cost of billions. And it is a typically American achievement.

Ambulance Ass'n. News

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prospective members, that we shall continue to endeavor in every way to give the utmost in service during the coming year.

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

The Sign of the Times

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Boy Scouts Finance Drive

JOSHUA TREE — Plans for the annual Boy Scout finance drive in Joshua Monument District of Arrowhead Area Council were formulated Monday, December 19, when drive leaders met at the Joshua Tree Community Association Hall. Finance Chairman John Duncan of Joshua Tree, was in charge.

Two drives will be held, that for the west end of the District was scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, whereas the Twenytnine Palms appeal will be made January 26. The west end effort will be made in Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Pioneertown, Sun Valley and Morongo Valley.

One team of 10 workers will solicit in Morongo Valley. D. F. Geil has been named team Captain by Mr. Duncan. C. C. Brown and Clay Tunstall are Captains in Yucca Valley. Each will head a ten person team. Curt Bush is the Pioneertown Captain. Mrs. Chas. E. Brown and Mr. B. M. Reis are Joshua Tree captains, and Mr. F. M. Summers is Captain at Sun Valley.

Mr. Duncan stated that team captains for Twentynine Palms would be announced in the near future.

The drive on January 25 will open wtih a "Kickoff Breakfast" in Yucca Valley and close with a "Victory Coffee Check In" at 5:30 p.m. Location of these meetings will be annuonced in the near future. It is hoped to contact 420 prospective contributors in the effort throughout the western portion of the District. 70 workers will be recruited by Captains. Each worker will have only six prospects on whom to call, Duncan said.

The first Boy Scout Court of Honor for Joshua Monument District will be held at the Joshua Tree Sportsmen's Hall on Monday, January 9, it was announced today by Curt Bush. Mr. Bush is advancement Chairman for the District. The Court will convent at 7:30 p.m., and all Scout Troops will take part.

Puerto Rican Turkeys and Porcelain Coffins

SUNFAIR — Don't be surprized if some of the turkeys around Sunfair cut loose with a gobbling gibberish in Spanish or a cosmopolitan mixture of Brooklynese and Eastside Italian this coming season. The Wetmores are going to raise turkeys. The Wetmores mean also Freddy Fernandez, brother of Mrs. Wetmore, and when he starts giving orders to the susceptabe young poults, most anything may happen. According to Isabelle Wetmore, her brother, recently discharged from the marines learned his English there, and his teachers were a Brooklyn Jew, Bronx Irishman,and an Italian from the Lower Eastside. However, Freddy speaks a good brand of American for a student of three years, and also swings a mean hammer. He took one look at Mr. Wetmore's plans and decided he could do the job and so help us he is.

If the Wetmores can raise turkeys as well as they build houses then Sunfair has another successful turkey grower. The recently finished house is really attractive and conviently arranged. They can slip out the back door, from a bedroom, into a sheltered passageway to the brooder house without discomfort on the coldest night. The kitchen is all electric and they have a big seven foot deep freeze which with its chrome handle looks like a coffin; and so it is for many of the Wetmores coming crop of turkeys. The Wetmores expect their first turkey eggs the 1st of April and the second shipment in May.

Bob Kroes Reveals Plans for Year

SUNFAIR — Bob Kroes, president of the Sunfair Turkey Growers Association plans a hatchery for the Sunfair area this year, and will have from four to six-thousand poults for sale, and will have a special bred stock of five-hundred from which to select layers. This will be experimental of course, but it is hoped they will produce eggs of high quality. About three-hundred hens and thirty toms are hoped to be selected out of the original five-hundred.

Besides the egg raising facilities and breeding Sunfair will have a processing plant which will be available to all growers. There have already been requests for as high as two-thousand birds on a single order. The finished product will be oven-ready in a special film bag with the brand on it.

"I woud like to thank all members of the local association for the help they have given in our efforts to really make this a great turkey producing area.

A special note of thanks to the publishers of the Joshua Journal for the Turkey Page. It is a great help.

We plan a much bigger and better turkey show for next year."

(Signed) R. W. Kroes

Sunfair Notes

The Sunfair Ranch Market and Cantina is almost finished. Geo. Bloom, contractor, said that it would be completed by Jan. 1st. J. H. Rice electrical contractor and his helper Mr. Wilds are juicing the joint well, while Mr. Rees is slapping on the colors. The walls are finished in knotty pine paneling. The Cantina has a cozy bar and fire place. The market is equipped with deep freeze for those delicious V-Bar-M turkeys, and shelves for groceries. Mr. Summers has his land office in one section of the building. Velma Summers will manage the market and cantina. . . .

. . Mr. Bishop plans to raise turkeys for Mr. Peterman this year. There will be two flocks; the first in April and the second in May; total of about four thousand birds.

. . . . .work is progressing rapidly on the Dick Kings new home. Frame is all up and Oscar Engle is putting in the fire-place. Al Gillette, of Yucca Mesa, is working on the job. Al, incidently, is a turkey raiser from way back in Massachutes. Knows more about turkeys, than ,well . . . . . Freddy Fernandez, brother of Mrs. Wetmore, was recently discharged from the Marines. Comes from Puerto Rico. Couldn't speak English until he learned from the Marines. His lingo is really intriguing; is a combination of Brooklyn, Irish, Italian, and Spanish. His buddies were his teachers.

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